



# ROYALS NEWS



## Upcoming Events Summary

May 25-27.....	Finale Concerts (Theatre 7:30pm)
May 25.....	HPAC Meeting (Library)
May 27.....	Late Start Day
June 1.....	Ice Cream Sandwich Concert
June 3.....	Strings Ice Cream Concert
June 4 -5.....	Hands Up! Dance Show
June 9.....	Grad Ceremony Rehearsal & Breakfast
June 10-11.....	Star Series & Cabaret
June 15.....	Grad Ceremony
June 19.....	Grad Banquet
June 19.....	Last Day of Classes
June 22-23.....	Review & Completion Days
June 23.....	Royal Recognition
June 24.....	Final Report Cards Published
June 25.....	Yearbook Distribution



For a FULL and Up to date list of all events happening at Handsworth, please visit our [live calendar on the school website](#)

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### Attendance Matters!

Reminder to report your student's absences via email: [handsworth\\_attendance@sd44.ca](mailto:handsworth_attendance@sd44.ca)

Visit the [Handsworth website-Attendance Procedures](#) for more info

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# School Information

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## Keep Our Community Clean

Here at Handsworth we have the wonderful privilege of learning in one of the most beautiful areas on the North Shore. We have noticed (and heard from our neighbours) that **students have been leaving lots of litter in the community around the school**. We are working to educate our students about their responsibility to take care of where we live, learn and play. We are asking for your support to also remind your child to help keep our community clean by making sure they put garbage in the garbage cans and not to litter in the neighbourhood.

Thank you for your support in keeping our community beautiful.



## Safety & Flow in the Parking Lots During Drop Off & Pick Up

### Att: All Drivers!

A reminder that our parking lots are designed for **one-way traffic** movement only.

When travel by car is necessary, we ask parents to make use of designated drop off areas located at the front of the building **ONLY**. **The west parking lot is NOT a pick up zone.**



**TO ENSURE FLOW, PLEASE DO NOT STOP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PARKING LOTS OR ON THE STREET FOR DROP OFF.**

If other family members/caregivers are driving, please remind them of our parking lot rules.

As always, we continue to encourage students to walk, bike or transit to school whenever possible.

# Handsworth Dance Presents: Hands Up 2026!



Come out and celebrate our dance grads and a year of amazing dance!

June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Handsworth Theatre

Tickets are on sale now via school cash online:

[June 4<sup>th</sup> tickets](#)

[June 5<sup>th</sup> tickets](#)

## Upcoming Band & Strings Performances

### Finale Concerts

Date: May 25, 26, 27

Location: HSS Theatre

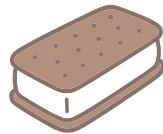
Time: 7:30pm

### Ice Cream Sandwich Concert

Date: June 1<sup>st</sup>

Location: HSS Grand Commons

Time: 7pm



### Strings Ice Cream Concert

Date: June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Location: HSS Grand Commons

Time: 7pm



# The 2026 Japan Exchange has Returned, and Japan 2027 is in the Works!



On April 7<sup>th</sup> 30 Grade 9 students departed for depart for a two-week cultural experience of Japan, a program that has been running at Handsworth for over 37 years!

During the first week, they visited the historic and cultural centres of Kyoto, Nara, Hiroshima, and Takayama.

During the second week, they home-stayed with students at Handsworth's sister school of Inage in Chiba, Japan (the sister city of North Vancouver) fully immersing themselves in Japan culture, completing the exchange that began in October 2025, when 20 Inage students visited Handsworth.

Check out their adventures on the [2026 trip blog](#)

Handsworth is planning to return to Japan in 2027, marking the 34<sup>th</sup> time grade 9 students will visit Japan in the program's nearly 40-year history.

See the [Trips](#) page of the school website for more details about the program and blogs of past trips.

**Hosting Dates:** January 6–14, 2027

**Proposed Travel Dates:** April 6–20, 2027

An information meeting for next year's grade-9 students and parents about the program and how to apply will be held in September 2026. Details of the meeting will be shared through morning announcements and on the school website in the new school year.

## The Cast, Crew & Staff Thanks the Handsworth Community for their Amazing Support with the School Play Production of Fake.

In theatre, memories are not only remembered—they are created, shared in real time between performers, crew, and audience. We are deeply grateful for the unwavering support of our school community: parents, students, alumni, staff, and volunteers. More than 50 parent volunteers supported over 100 Handsworth students in bringing their vision to life. It truly takes a village.

Check out these photos from the school play!





# Library Learning Commons

The Handsworth Library is looking for puzzle donations.

Spring cleaning? The library will gladly take old puzzles off your hands (especially 500 pieces).

Thank you to the parents who previously donated. The students really enjoy them!



Students have been enjoying the Spring communal colouring page in the Library Learning Commons. Their artwork is now on display in the Library at the circulation desk

One of many displays currently featured in the Library: Voices of the Islamic Revolution



SPEAKER, STORYTELLER,  
PLAYWRIGHT:

# CEE PEAL

Wednesday

June 10<sup>th</sup>

@ 3pm in the  
Library Learning  
Commons



**2026 INDIGENOUS STORYTELLER  
IN RESIDENCE FOR THE VPL**

Open to ALL staff and students,  
no sign up required

# Classroom Spotlight: Mr. Brault's Histoire 12 Classes



In both of Mr. Brault's Histoire 12 classes, Grade 11 students in French Immersion took part in a mock debate on the atomic bomb in 1945. Each student assumed a specific role, such as an American representative, a Chinese or Japanese diplomat, or a scientist, etc. connected to the war effort. Their task was to defend their perspective on the following question: should the United States use the atomic bomb on Japan to end the war in the Pacific? The discussions were intense and highly thoughtful, as students were confronted with complex ethical questions and difficult historical realities. Many opposing viewpoints were presented with nuance, respect, and conviction. The activity allowed students to strengthen their critical thinking skills while making the learning experience authentic, engaging, and meaningful. The quality of the discussions reflected strong preparation and a high level of maturity in their thinking. Bon travail les 11e!



## Classroom Spotlight: Core French 10-12

Mme Abernethy's Core French 11 and 12 students and Mme Maledy's Core French 10 students participated in Improvisation workshops in French with Ingrid from Griottes Polyglottes. The workshops were a wonderful opportunity to encourage the students to step out of their comfort zones and to have fun while using their French spontaneously.

The workshops were made possible thanks to a micro grant that Mme Abernethy received from ImmersArt, a company that financially supports artistic and cultural activities done in French in schools. The activities helped to improve confidence while speaking, reinforced the benefits of learning a second or third language, and inspired the students to learn and use several idiomatic expressions in French.

The students also had support from Kulvir Mann (Trustee) who assisted with the activities and taking photos. This experience was an excellent way to create even more of a sense of community in the class environment.



## Classroom Spotlight: Composition 10



Author Eddy Boudel Tan

Composition 10 students had the opportunity to hear from and workshop with Giller Prize shortlisted author, Eddy Boudel Tan. Boudel Tan shared some early writing memories, including his first published piece in all its Grade 9 glory! He shared the words of encouragement (and rejection) that he received for his first novel manuscript – a reminder that when things seem like they aren't going your way – to stay focused on controlling what you can. Boudel Tan gave the Composition 10 students a writing prompt to play with, and then a second layer to add to it, and students were able to see how they can bring a short scene to life and allow it to reach a depth that is not always available through just action or dialogue. Thank you to Eddy Boudel Tan and Vancouver Writer's Fest's "Writers in the Classroom" programming which allowed these lucky Handsworth students to spend a class with a celebrated Canadian author!

## Sports News: Track & Field Handsworth AAA North Shore Champs

Congratulations to the Handsworth Royals Track and Field team for capturing the AAA North Shore Track and Field Championships on May 14th out at Swangard Stadium.

The entire team performed extremely well and are looking forward to continue rolling at the Vancouver Sea-to-Sky Championships later this month.

Well done Royals!!

Back row from left to right: Spencer Medland, Andy Inkster, Quinn Tveit-Borgenstrom, Charlie Sigston.  
Front - Amelia Sigston



## Handsworth Hockey Team

Off to a strong start this season, our Handsworth Hockey team is showing great chemistry, hard work, and determination. Excited to see what this group can accomplish as the year goes on—lots of promise ahead!

Our Royals have gone undefeated this regular season. They are heading into the playoffs against Argyle mid-May.

**GO ROYALS!!**



## WEX News

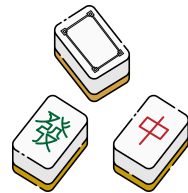
On the first day of May, four of our senior students, Baran Boroujerdi Moghadam (11), Regina Martin Barrera (11), Benedetta Milanese (12) and Raeeka Zandian (11), attended a Medical Aesthetics workshop at Vancoderm Academy of Aesthetic Medicine and Wellness. The girls gained hands-on knowledge on various aesthetic treatments including Laser Treatments, RF Treatments, Body Contouring and Trichology. They also learned some details on the Medical Aesthetician Diploma program at Vancoderm. It was a fun and fulfilling experience for our students to acquire insights into this professional career.



## New Club at Handsworth... Mahjong Club

The Mahjong club would like to thank the HPAC for helping to purchase 2 game mats and tiles so students can gather at lunch to learn and play Mahjong. Mahjong is a traditional Chinese game played, usually by four people, with 136 or 144 rectangular pieces called tiles. It requires a combination of skill, strategy, and calculation, with a degree of chance involved. The objective is to form sets and pairs of tiles to create a winning hand.

Want to learn to learn how to play? Come join the club!! It is open to all. **Students meet every Tuesday at lunch in room 3015.**



# Boys Club Network



Our Handsworth Boys Club meets once a week on Tuesdays to have lunch, share stories and values, and connect with one another by building lasting friendships along the way. The Boys Club Network is founded on interaction through the principles of HOPE – building Hope, Opportunity, Positive Mentorship, and Education. Through meaningful conversations and mentorship, students are supported in developing character, resilience, and a strong sense of belonging within our school community.

The Boys Club was fortunate to welcome a trio of inspiring guests who each brought a unique and valuable perspective to the group. **Cary Hungle**, Principal of Handsworth, joined the boys to speak about leadership, integrity, and the importance of taking opportunities when they arise. **Chance Daldy**, Learning Assistance Centre Teacher, shared thoughtful insights about perseverance, resilience, and believing in one's own growth, even when learning feels challenging. We were also honoured to host **Bruce Barnett**, former BC Lion and Handsworth alumnus, who captivated the group with stories from his athletic journey, emphasizing discipline, humility, and staying grounded in one's values. Together, these mentors modeled what it means to lead with purpose and compassion, leaving a meaningful and lasting impression on the boys.

# Grad 2026 Information



## Graduation Ceremony Rehearsal & Breakfast

**Date:** June 9<sup>th</sup> 2026

**Time:** 7:30am - 9:10am

**Location:** Grand Commons/Theatre

Graduates are required to attend the rehearsal. Grad parents will be serving breakfast to students ahead of rehearsal, so please be on time!

Grad gowns (including stole and cap) will be distributed at this time. Gowns are custom ordered for each student and are theirs to keep.

**Reminder. All outstanding school fees must be paid through School Cash Online prior to June 9 in order for students to receive their gown.**

## Grad Ceremony

**Date:** Monday June 15<sup>th</sup> 2026

**Time:** 7pm

**Location:** Queen Elizabeth Theatre 630 Hamilton Street, Vancouver

Graduates are asked to arrive by 6:15 p.m. Each student's grad gown will serve as their entry ticket. Guests must purchase tickets in advance through School Cash Online between April 13 and June 5. Tickets are \$10 each and will not be available at the door. There is no limit on the number of tickets purchased, and seating is general admission.

## Grad Banquet

**Date:** Friday June 19<sup>th</sup> 2026

**Time:** 6pm-11pm

**Location:** Westin Bayshore Hotel 1601 Bayshore Drive, Vancouver

This event is open to graduates, their families, and guests. Tickets are \$150 each and available through School Cash Online between April 13 and May 8.

Please note this is a dry event. Alcohol is not permitted before or during the event, and there are no in-and-out privileges. As a school event, all Handsworth Code of Conduct expectations apply.

Table Arrangements are coordinated by Ms. Carabetta. Please visit the [Handsworth website](#) for complete details on table arrangements.

Please refer to the [Grads page](#) on the Handsworth website for all the latest information on everything Grad 2026!

# Handsworth PAC News

The following content is shared on behalf the Handsworth Parent Advisory Council

## Next Meeting: Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm—Handsworth Library

Check out the [HPAC page on the Handsworth website](#) for HPAC information, Agenda and Meeting Minutes.

Follow us on Facebook (search Handsworth PAC) and Instagram. (@handsworthpac).

Make sure to subscribe to the new [HPAC newsletter!](#)



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## Handsworth PAC - Your Chance to Get Involved!

**We're on the hunt for fresh faces to join our school's dynamic Parent Advisory Council!**

Joining our team means you'll have a say in the decisions that directly impact our children's time at Handsworth. Whether you're passionate about boosting school spirit or curious about budgeting, there's an opportunity for you to make a difference.

Think of us as a community potluck, where each dish brings its own flavour to the table. Whether you're a fundraising guru, social media expert, an event planning enthusiast, or simply eager to learn, we welcome your unique talents. Together, let's create a brighter tomorrow for our school and our kids!

**If you are interested in volunteering on the 2026-2027 [Handsworth PAC](#) now is your time to reach out to the nomination committee. We are especially in need of people with financial experience however all positions are open.**

Please email [hpacnominations2026@gmail.com](mailto:hpacnominations2026@gmail.com) for more information



# Donate to the Staff Appreciation Lunch!

The HPAC is collecting donations for the **Handsworth Staff Appreciation Lunch on June 25th**.

If you'd like to contribute, please **make your donation** through [Munch A Lunch](#). Donations will be collected until June 15th.

Every contribution helps us thank the amazing Handsworth staff for all they do throughout the year.

If you would like to **volunteer** on the day of the event, please email [chair@handsworthpac.ca](mailto:chair@handsworthpac.ca)

Thank you for your support!

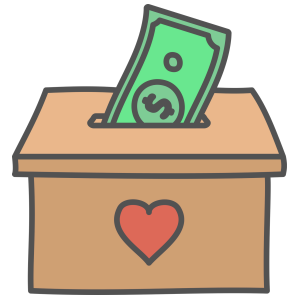


Photo from 2024-25 Staff Appreciation Lunch

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## Handsworth Royals Hot Lunches—OPEN!

Hello Handsworth Parents! Order today...you don't want to miss out!

Please visit the [Handsworth website](#) for details and a list of dates and vendors.

Order your Royals Hot Lunches: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/Handsworth>.

**Ordering will stay open for the remainder of the school year.**

Monies raised go towards buying items for all our sports activities – and the PAC has been able to fund such items such as football helmets, transportation to offsite games and practises, new uniforms, nets, balls, and so much more! Our Handsworth athletes have performed incredibly well last year and with your support we can continue this momentum!





## Summer Learning – Registration open

Summer Learning provides a platform for students to explore and extend learning opportunities while fulfilling their educational requirements through the month of July.

**Registration opened May 1 for students within the NVSD. Registration for Out-of-District students opens May 19.**

Available via your School Cash Online Account.



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## Homestay Families Needed

Each year, the North Vancouver School District welcomes students from around the world to live and study in our vibrant community in the International Program. We strive to place secondary school international students with families who live close to school to support each student's integration into the school and wider community.

We have secondary school international students in need of a homestay placement for the school terms beginning September 2026, and February 2027. If you are interested in hosting an international student, please reach out to the International Education program office at [international@sd44.ca](mailto:international@sd44.ca).

More information about the [homestay program](#) is available on the [International Education section](#) of the school district website.